

Senate Resolution 1214

By: Senator Bulloch of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions of American Indians and the work of the Council on American
2 Indian Concerns; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, long before Europeans ever reached what is now the State of Georgia,
4 thousands of American Indians prospered on this land's fertile soil and productive waterways
5 in complex communities; and

6 WHEREAS, American Indians are a diverse group with multifaceted systems of government
7 and rich languages, beliefs, and traditions; and

8 WHEREAS, American Indian tribes such as the Cherokee, Muskogee Creek, Seminole, and
9 Yuchi have lived in Georgia throughout the centuries and have vastly enriched our culture
10 and contributed to our society; and

11 WHEREAS, more than 57,000 Georgians are American Indians or American Indian
12 descendants; and

13 WHEREAS, our land's first inhabitants have maintained their traditional values throughout
14 American history, and local, state, and federal governments should strive to help American
15 Indians flourish as a vital political, social, and moral presence; and

16 WHEREAS, our state and nation must work in partnership with tribal leaders and
17 organizations in order to nurture hope for a greater future for American Indians.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 acknowledge the many contributions American Indians continue to make to our state and
20 appreciate the work of the Council on American Indian Concerns on behalf of our first
21 Georgians.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Secretary of the Senate is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Council on American
3 Indian Concerns.